

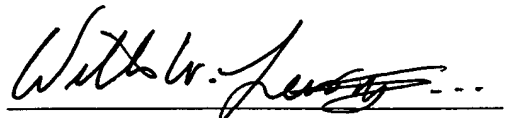
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2005, claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11, 12, and 15 were rejected. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 5, 8 – 10, 13, 14, 16, and 17. Claims 1 – 17 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 5, 8 – 10, 13, 14, 16, and 17 have been replaced by new claims 18 – 26 respectively. New claims 18 – 26 incorporate all of the limitations of the original independent claims for the dependent claims which they replaced.

The instant amendment and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Thus, all the amended/new claims are believed to be patentable over the cited references. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In view of the foregoing arguments, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 18 - 26.

If there are any matters which can be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, the Office is authorized to charge same to Deposit Account No. 50-0354.

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